

Ordinance requirements:

Special requirements for mobile food units operated by licensed park vendors. In addition to complying with the other applicable requirements of this chapter, a mobile food unit operated by a vendor licensed under article IX of chapter 32 of this Code, must meet the following requirements:

(1)

A unit shall not exceed four feet in width, eight feet in length and eight feet in height including the unit's shade umbrella. In the event of an emergency, the unit must be easily movable, controllable, and maneuverable by one person when the unit is fully loaded. A unit shall have at least two operable rubber or rubber-like wheels that are less than eight inches in diameter. The bottom of the unit shall be at least one foot from the ground. The unit shall be non-motorized.

(2)

Each unit shall have protective glass guards and a roof or a shade umbrella to protect against exposure to insects, rodents, dust, or other contamination. Each unit shall have ample space available on the sides of the unit to display the prices of food, the name and street address of the vendor, and the medallion issued under section 20-37 of this Code.

(3)

Each unit shall have a litter receptacle attached to the unit available, clearly marked, and maintained for patron use. This litter receptacle shall have not less than a twenty-gallon capacity and shall be composed of a leak-proof, nonabsorbent material.

(4)

The interior of a unit shall be equipped with cabinet units or compartments. All food-contact surfaces shall be smooth, easily accessible and cleanable. Unfinished or painted wood shall not be used as a food-contact surface. Units that will dispense beverages must be equipped to do so from a closed carbonation system or bulk dispensing units or to distribute packaged beverages.

(h)

Special requirements for fixed location mobile food units. A mobile food unit that does not meet all criteria applicable to the permitting of a conventional mobile food unit may be permitted on a fixed location only basis, provided:

(1)

The unit complies with the same criteria stated in items (1), (2), (3) and (4) of subsection (g) above for units operated by licensed park vendors;

(2)

The unit shall be restricted to operation on the premises of one food establishment that holds a valid permit under this article, and the commissary serving the unit shall be located in that establishment; and

(3)

The commissary shall meet all applicable requirements of state law and city ordinances.

A fixed location mobile food unit that does not fully meet the requirements of item (1) of subsection (g) above and was first operated under a medallion on or before February 13, 2000, shall be exempt from the requirements of item (1) of subsection (g) above provided that the operation continues under the same ownership and the medallion is continuously renewed without lapse or termination.

If the operator of the unit is not the operator of the food establishment, then the operator shall be required to furnish written proof of permission of the person who operates the food establishment premises to utilize the unit and commissary on the premises. In the event that the permit issued under this article for the food establishment on whose premises the unit and its commissary are situated expires without timely renewal or is revoked or suspended, the unit's medallion shall automatically be suspended until and unless the permit for the food establishment is restored to valid status.

(i)

Alternatives; waivers. The director of health and human services or any assistant or deputy director may authorize alternatives to particular requirements of this section or any other provisions of this article with respect to a mobile food unit. Any authorization shall be considered only upon written request, which shall set forth the provision for which an alternative is sought and the nature of the proposed alternative. Approval for the alternative shall be granted if it is determined that, for the purpose intended, the alternative proposed is at least equivalent to the requirement otherwise specified in this article with respect to safety, sanitation and related purposes. The burden of demonstrating compliance with the foregoing standard shall be upon the requestor. Consistent with the foregoing procedures and standards, the director of health and human services or any assistant or deputy director may waive any requirement of this article upon demonstration that it has no applicability for the purposes intended herein to the operation of the mobile food unit. An approval issued under this section shall be valid only if issued in writing and shall be limited in scope as provided therein.

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Commissary servicing area and operations.

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An enclosed service building separated from commissary operations shall be provided for supplying and maintaining mobile food units. The servicing area shall be at an approved location and constructed and operated in compliance with the requirements of this article. Fixed location mobile food units authorized under this article and mobile food units licensed under article IX of Chapter 32 of this Code shall be stored in the servicing area except while in operation for food service and during transport to and from the service building. A fixed location mobile food unit that does not fully meet the foregoing storage requirements and was first operated under a medallion on or before February 13, 2000, shall be exempt from this requirement provided that the operation continues under the same ownership and the medallion is continuously renewed without lapse or termination and provided that the permit holder uses alternative storage arrangements that are approved by the health officer.